

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 16 and 17 were pending after a response to an election of species requirement. Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 16 and 17 were rejected in the present Office action. The Applicant notes that the numbering of the claims has been corrected. Claims 4 and 16-17 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended, and new Claims 19-21 has been introduced. No new matter has been added. As the amendments serve to obviate the Examiner's objections to Claims 4 and 5, and the remainder of the claims are dependent now allowable base claims, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

Objections

At item 6 of the Office action, Claims 4 and 5 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 4 and Claim 5 to incorporate the subject matter of the previous Claim 1, and respectfully requests that the objections be withdrawn.

New Claims

New Claim 19-21 are presented, the claims being comprised of material from the present claims 3, 6 and 7 and dependent on now allowable Claim 5. These claims are allowable, without more, as claims dependent on an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

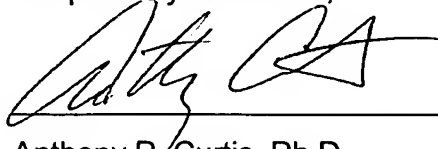
Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 16 and 17 were pending. Claims 4 and 16-17 have been cancelled, and new Claims 19-21 have been introduced. Claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 19-21 are now pending.

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In view of the amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony P. Curtis', written over a horizontal line.

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